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## TAHITI SWINGS LEFTISH

Great groaning Gastons! The most controversial figure in French Pacific politics is OUT!!

Reduced to leadership of a Parliamentary rump that was the mighty ruling Tahoeraa Huiatiraa coalition, Gaston Flosse is without local power in Papeete.

Following the early December internal coup led by former Flosse loyalists Alexandre Leontieff Huhuette Kong and Rarotonga-born Georges Kelly, a new centre-left coalition has ousted Flosse "stooge" ex-President Jacky Teuira and replaced him by Leontieff at the head of a grouping which includes Kelly as Vice President and socialist leader Jacquie Drollet.

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This week's cover story is a long-awaited look at the dramatic political events in neighbouring French Polynesia. As the JOURNAL is owned by the sister of the new Vice President, bias may be suspected...but is hotly denied! They are them and we are us!

Also featured is the continuing local concern over fish poisoning..which last week struck down the hitherto indefatigable Chairman of the Atiu Island Council, Papa "I decree" Teiotu!

As well as other features and regular items, we offer our opinion "poll" on the state of the two main political groupings in the Cook Islands one year before the next General Election!

Throughout the issue, articles are illustrated and commented upon by satirist "vera", in an effort to satisfy those readers who have told us that "vera" is the reason they buy the JOURNAL...not (amazingly) the penetrating exposes of society today in the Cook Islands!

ERROR: With apologies, the name of Tahitian Minister Huguette Hong Khieu is mis-spelt on page one. ED.

## Editorial

# NAUGHTY!

A very welcome sign of progress occurred in Atiu last week.

As reported in the JOURNAL last week, troubled times came to Atiu in the New Year.

Those "troubled times" are hitting a lot of our communities.

What resulted in Atiu was a confrontation between the Island Council, CICC and some ad hoc groups who saw the actions of Island Council Chairman Papa Tu as a threat to "liberal" principles of individual freedom.

By the end of ten days, sufficient pressure had been exerted upon the "hard-line" conservative elements to bring about change.

Credit must go to the leaders of the CICC, the Island Council and to MP Mariri Parataingа whose presence on the Island brought about some measure of calm and reason.

A relaxing of strong stances by the conservatives was matched by an acknowledged respect for authority and law by the "liberals".

At least that was the way it seemed....until we learnt of some "liberal" elements vaunting "victory"...and until we also heard of a **charity** "dance" being staged in the highly contentious week of "troubled times".

The dance was held by a group who should have known better.

As they had not planned anything beforehand, their act could be judged provocative and quite unnecessary.

What was put at risk was long term democratic progress.

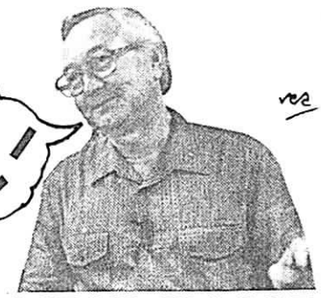
COVER STORY

# POLITICS

Regular readers of the JOURNAL will not be surprised to learn that we regard the new Tahitian government as "Flavour of the Month" as far as the beginning of 1988 is concerned. It is headed by a centrist with sound economic and budgetry experience. He is an expert in the crucial area of tourism. The ruling alliance is multi-racial in background. It is sensitive to the needs of Polynesian workers. There is a solid socialist presence. It proposes the kind of mixed economy we have been advocating for a long time.

NO, GASTON, NOT AU REVOIR, JUST GOOD BYE!

AU REVOIR ALEXANDRE!



**ALEXANDRE LÉONTIEFF**

(Out of the party, out of favour in Paris, but head of Government in Papeete with enormous local power)

**GASTON FLOSSE**

(Head of the Party, French Cabinet Minister...but all local political influence gone.)

COMMENTARY

# NO, BUT SERIOUSLY—

## —TAHITI SWINGS LEFTISH—

As with all "coups", last December's Tahitian version seems very predictable when you look back.

A seven stage escalation of crisis can be traced since early 1986.

At the heart of each minor crisis has been the extreme right wing founder of Tahoeraa Huiraatira , Gaston Flosse.

Flosse is a strange mixture.

Avidly pro-French, he nevertheless planned, sponsored and steered through the Territorial Assembly the Statute of Internal Autonomy which was the first real measure of political freedom from France that Tahiti had ever enjoyed.

He is rumoured to be at least a millionaire.

Most of his wealth, according to critics, has been built up by taking advantage of his political power.

He is a member of the radical right wing of France, a man whom French PM Jacques Chirac has called "my brother".

In the 1980's he has presided over a free enterprise policy in Tahiti which has come close to wrecking their tourist idustry. It has drastically polarised Tahitian society into rich and poor. It has created the richest Tahitian Maoris ever witnessed in French Polynesia.

Yet, he has much grass roots support, especially amongst his packed ranks of loyalist "mamas".

### Ambitions

His control over the Territorial Assembly has been helped throughout the reign of Tahoeraaa Huiraatira by the conflicting ambitions of the many opposition parties in Tahitian politics.

But, in his own right, he dominated the French Polynesian political scene with a presence so powerful that it was he himself who precipitated each of the seven crises we identify as leading up to December's "coup".

In the build-up to the 1986 elections, it was Flosse who became the focus of opposition attacks.

He took the burden of attack willingly upon himself. His colleagues were virtually left alone as opposition newspaper, radio and public meeting acc-

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usations grew wilder and more viciously personal as the election approached.

His victory was his greatest political triumph and the highpoint of the Tahoeraa coalition party he had put together in the early 1980's.

For the first time in 30 years a Tahitian leader had assembled an alliance of interests which gained an outright majority in the Assembly.

The majority was anti-independence, pro-France, pro-CEP, pro-free enterprise and dominated by high spending free marketeers like Flosse himself.

Alexandre Leontieff -President of the new governing alliance in Tahiti and leader of the breakaway group

They chose to seek stability, not through, social and economic means but by political strategy.

Internationally, this included a close relationship with Tom Davis and the similar right wing coalition he had put together in 1984.

The Cook Islands were to be the model for political development that would satisfy critics at home and gain some kind of international respectability for Tahiti abroad.

In return for lavish treatment of CIs. politicians, the CIs. became the main conduit through which French propaganda was chanelled in their attempt to gain recognition for Tahiti at the SP Forum.

But it was not the political programme of Tahoeraa that produced the first major crisis.

It was the manner in which they had achieved their majority.

The fact that the opposition had failed to unite and had only themselves to blame for this, did not prevent the sprad of widespread bitterness in Tahiti at the result of the 1986 elections.

## Economy

Flosse and Tahoeraa had gained a superb working majority. But it was a clear minority in the country at large. It had captured a mere 40% of votes cast.

The bitternes was such that it would not just go away in the face of political realities.

Opposition leaders instigated crisis number two. Quito Braun Ortegaand Emile Vernaudon, together with socialist leader Jacquie Drollet kept up a media campaign of high intensity against Flosse's alleged corruption.

The allegations were taken as far as Paris itself in a far-reaching drive to discredit the ruling party.

At home, the unions were supported by opposition leaders in their efforts to establish modern industrial relations in an often viciously exploitive economy.

At the heart of this move were the dockers, controllers of Papeete port and the life blood of the country.

Jean Juventin, respected Mayor of Papeete, new President ("Speaker") of the Territorial Assembly

In December 1986, agitation in the docks grew to strike pitch.

The pressure on the government was severe.

Violent dockland scenes characterised the month of January 1987. The dock strike became crisis number three.

Flosse was unable to give it his full attention.

French PM Jacques Chirac had appointed Flosse as the first ever Polynesian Secretary of State for Pacific Affairs. He was given a mandate as roving French ambassador required to improve France's image in the anglo-saxon world.

Ironically, Flosse was given the job because of his supposedly secure power base at home!

Inevitably, he was encouraged to take the high profile approach (pay-offs, aid and interference) that has all too often characterised France's conduct of developing world affairs.

He was thus frequently away from Papeete.

## Pacific

He was unable to bring his sharp political skills to bear upon mounting problems.

The dock strike grew worse.

In May, Chirac encouraged Flosse to give up the Presidency and concentrate upon Pacific Affairs for France.

This, crisis number four, was the only one of the seven successfully resolved.

Flosse resigned. A political compromise seemed to have been reached. Tahiti looked forward to a possible period of stability and development.

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It lasted about a week before Flosse himself precipitated crisis number five.

Unable to see the Tahoeraa party he had created fall out of his control, he interfered in the election of a successor as President.

Strong rumours existed that Alexandre Leontieff, deputy President and (with Flosse) co-Tahitian representative to the Paris government intended to do a deal with opposition elements in a new government. This would see the ouster of many long-term Flosse diehards.

Flosse acted to get rid of Leontieff and replace him as Tahoeraa candidate for President by Jacky Teuira, a strong Flosse supporter, regarded by critics as a Flosse "stooge".

Teuira was elected President and Leontieff and his faction (Ministers Georges Kelly and Huguette Hong Kiou) remained sullenly in government but very much on the outside.

## Out

Thus crisis number five appeared to have been resolved.

The sixth, however, was the worst yet.

In October 1987, the docks were the centre of yet more violent industrial strife.

The night of destruction which saw rioters burn down much of central Papeete was the beginning of the end.

To rescue the situation, Teuira stood by whilst the French government, aided and encouraged by Flosse, sent in foreign troops to solve what was glaringly apparent as being a massive social problem brought on by right wing Flosse policies.

Once the situation had been temporarily calmed, political action in Tahiti soon followed.

Leontieff, Kiou and Kelly reactivated their mid-year plans to link up with centrist opposition leaders Quito Braun Ortega and Emile Vernaudon and to approach Drollet and the Ia Mana socialists.

Once Drollet had indicated that he was willing to make a clear declaration against full independence in the short term, the stage was set for crisis number seven.

It arrived in the first week of December.

A vote of no confidence was announced by Leontieff, Kelly and Kiou who handed in their resignations.

Within a week they had a power bloc of 28 in the 41-seat Assembly. (This later grew to 29).

Flosse rapidly returned and wound up the full force of personally-controlled media and public meetings.

For the first time this decade, it did not work.

Flosse showed clear vulnerability. His work in the South Pacific had led to one crisis after another. His legacy at home was social divisiveness and the presence of foreign troops harrassing Tahitians.

Jacques Chirac-PM France. Called Flosse his "brother"!

# 'BYE 'BYE GASTON

And, above all, the clear vision of a country taken away from the indigenous people and handed over to local and foreign business interests.

It was a climate inviting a leftwards shift.

Teuira's government fell.

Tahoeraa Huiraatira is split into two camps-the pro Leontieff/Kelly/Kiou government followers and the Flosse/Teuira loyalists (including former ministers of long-standing Lysis Lavigne and Jacques Tehuira).

Joining Leontieff are the centrist business group led by Ortega (standing for honest free enterprise and management efficiency, like Leontieff himself) and the Ia Mana socialists led by Drollet (with their emphasis upon social reform, equality of opportunity for Polynesians and removal of 'fat cat' corruption).

## Business

It is a "leftish" alliance. Cementing it are the long-respected skills of Kelly as a grass roots organiser, to which he adds Christian conviction and a renowned church ethic.

It is by no means a full alliance of the left.

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ATIU BABY SHOW 1987

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Still outside government are the Tavini activists of Oscar Temaru, the extreme left socialists and the extreme "culturalists" all of whom demand independence and the removal of the CEP testing station at once.

Oscar Temaru, Mayor of Faaa and opponent of new Vice President Georges Kelly....an unwavering indepenantiste and anti-nuclear activist.

Business, both big business and small local business is represented in the new line-up.

It is a moderate centrist government at heart with social democratic concerns about social welfare.

Leontieff has had long disputes with former President Teuira over the composition of the first major post-Flosse budget. But it is the management economist in Leontieff that objects to the Tahoeraa right wing programme...not the concerned welfare spender.

Thus, although moving away from the divisive supply-side philosophy of Flosse and the patronage programme of his followers, the new government in Tahiti can be described as "leftish" rather than in any way "left-wing"

# A LANDMARK IN MAORI POLITICS

Of the four Maori nations, Hawai'i, New Zealand our own Cook Islands, and Tahiti, it had long been felt that the tiny Cook Islands held out the best prospect for political progress.

In the other three, it appeared that the Maori people had but limited chances of applying modern political solutions of their own to their many development problems.

In Hawai'i, New Zealand and in French Polynesia, language was felt to be under pressure, culture disappearing and political advance entirely dependent upon goodwill or charity from the ruling non-Polynesian class.

In spite of the achievement of Internal Autonomy by the Tahitians in 1985, their ruling party was largely an extension of the French Right Wing to which it was politically allied. Tahoeraa Huiraatira under Gaston Flosse was to all intents and purposes a branch of the ruling party in Paris...addressing itself to broad French colonial policies.

So, the first local achievement of the Leontieff/Kelly/Kiou December coup was that it took place at all. To unseat a government closely linked to a major metropolitan conservative party and one which has as its patrirach the first ever Polynesian cabinet minister in a major world power government is no mean effort. To do it in the face of a considerable military presence on the part of that power is remarkable...and speaks highly of the political skills of the organisers.

The second, and most important, achievement is to place the immediate destiny of the Tahitian Maori people in the hands of a modern, democratic government containing the best of educated, commercial, religious and traditional Tahiti available.

Those achievements are Alexandre Leontieff's and Georges Kelly's.

The third achievement is Jacquie Drollet's. As founder of the Ia Mana left of centre party, his arrival in Government is the result of forcing the party to the front of attention as a group powerbrokers now HAVE TO listen to.

Close in ideology to the NZ and Australian Labour parties (before they went yuppie!), Ia Mana has achieved the remarkable goal of maintaining broad socialist stances whilst not appearing a threat to business and the moderate right.

The final achievement belongs to politician/businessman Quito Braun Ortega and his close associate Emile Vernaudon whose all-out attacks upon Flosse as the lynchpin of right wing exploitation offer a welcome optimism that Polynesian big business can be conducted with ethics, morality and a concern for heritage and the common man and woman.

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A Polynesian Government all Maori people can be proud of wherever they now reside....the JOURNAL.

# THE LÉONTIEFF GOVERNMENT

A pack of traitors, ratbags and socialists... led by a Russian!

(Photos: La Depeche de Tahiti)

Alexandre Leontieff
(President)

Napoleon Spitz
(Minister of Tourism, Sport & Transport)

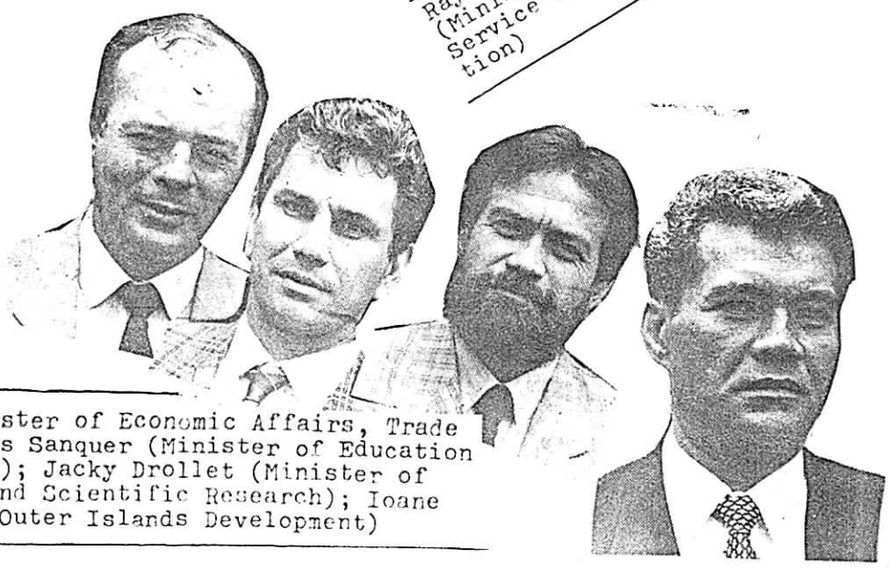
Boris Leontieff
(Minister of Public Works, Energy & Posts and Telecommunications)

Georges Kelly
(Vice President & Minister of Agriculture, Traditional Arts & Culture)

Huguette Hong Kiou
(Minister of Social Services, Housing, Youth and Family Affairs)

Raymond van Bastolaer
(Minister of the Public Service and Administration)

Quito Braun Ortega
(Minister of Planning and Management, Financial Affairs and Administrative Reform, Parliamentary Liaison and Economic Committee Liaison)



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Patrick Revault (Minister of Economic Affairs, Trade and Commerce); Nicolas Sanquer (Minister of Education and Manpower Training); Jacky Drollet (Minister of Health, Environment and Scientific Research); Ioane Temauri (Minister of Outer Islands Development)

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The "coup" is a remarkable achievement in the history of Maori political awareness.

It denies the need for the despairingly aggressive racial activism that seems to characterise modern NZ Maori politics and it lifts Maori politics out of the uninspiring small-time politicking and greed that all too often characterises our own politics.

It is a victory for education, for democracy (indeed, for the French version of democratic development), for Polynesian values of Christianity and Culture, and for middle of the road socialist principles.

Above all, it is a victory for the modern Maori....and his right to decide his own destiny.

May the tenuous alliance not collapse too soon!

# LESSONS FOR DOCTOR ROBATI FROM A SICK MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

Pupuke beware! Could that be the message echoing across the ocean from Tahiti ?

As readers of the JOURNAL will be aware, that has been our message since almost our first issue.

At that time, it was Sir Thomas Davis in charge.

He appeared to be hell-bent on leading us down the Flosse path to social ruin...with only the millionaires able to keep pace with rocketing price rises, a plundering elite, a disenchanted public service and a nation in which the ordinary Maori citizen had little control, even via the ballot box!

It is still early days for Dr. Robati but it is still a third of the way into his term.

There are some signs that his government is slowly making amends.

Mr. Matepi is making encouraging signs in Education and a new budget is promised soon.

But that's about it!

Six months ago we offered the view that Tahiti mirrored our future society.

Maybe the words of members of the new government might point the way for our own...if they are as concerned about their own country as they all too obviously are about the next election.

In a special interwith the JOURNAL last year we asked our Foreign Minister, Norman George if he saw Papeete as the route we should be following.

"Why not ?" was his answer.

Perhaps the words of his new colleagues in power in Papeete might offer a ringing answer.

Leontieff, Georges Kelly, Huguette Hong Kiou and a dozen others could have sat on fat government salaries for a safe,rich two and a half years. They chose not to increase the suffering of a sick member of the Maori family of nations.

# THE MESSAGE

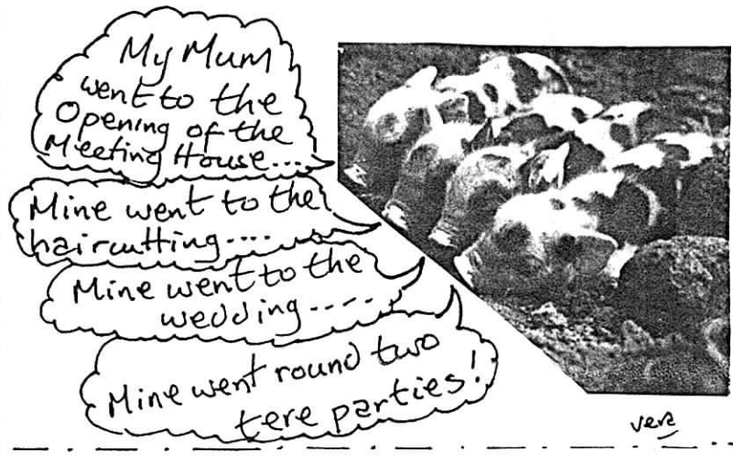
On reading the following, see how much of it rings local bells!

"Under the post 1986 government, the individual ministers were left with no power to make decisions. Social injustice was the hallmark of the Flosse-Teuira programme." G. Kelly

"The new government intends to build our country's future on a justice conforming to our traditional values. We ask that power be returned to the people, all the people. Our efforts must be in the primary sectors of agriculture, fishing and traditional art. The vast gap between a small minority and the mass of the people must go. Government privilege and abuse must go..." Emile Vernaudon (Ai'a Api - Socialist)

"the "real nation"..to that end the banner of Ia Mana will be lowered in honour of the people's flag"! (Jacky Drollet, Ia Mana - Socialist)

# THE ORPHANS


My Mum went to the Opening of the Meeting House...
Mine went to the haircutting...
Mine went to the wedding...
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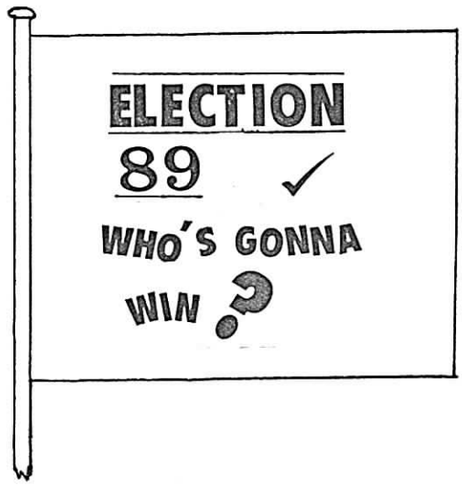
## Comment

# COALITION AHEAD




## — RESPONSE TO MEDIA REVIEW INDICATES...

## NARROW LEAD FOR GOVERNMENT !

The problems in opinion polls, readers' surveys and so on are twofold.

Firstly, how accurate is the "poll".

Secondly, how biased is the method used.

Obviously, the JOURNAL is concerned to impress upon its readers the validity of its surveys.

Equally, obviously, those political factions not flattered by its results will be at pains to deny that validity!

We see the 1989 General Election as crucial in the short term history of this country. A glance through our Tahiti feature in this issue will indicate why.

It will also show the extent to which the year between now and the General Election offers an enormous challenge to political parties and factions and their leaders.

We shall regularly offer surveys and, as our techniques improve, full "polls" to keep you and them in touch with public opinion.

After twenty eight issues, we claim that our total imp-

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an everyday tale of political folk

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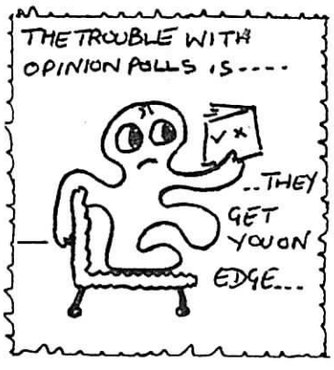


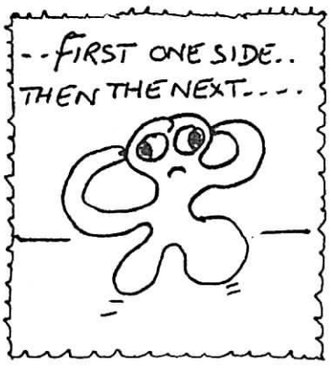

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artiality in political terms is established.

There is, we feel, no need now to go into detailed claims except to say that on this occasion, as on all others, we openly declare any vested interest.

Each political leader has been treated with respect for his position as a representative of members of the nation's communities.

Many of our readers have openly told us they disagree with many of the positions we adopt.

They keep reading, they say, because they welcome the stimulus of contrary ideas.

## Economy

As far as political bias is concerned we re-iterate the JOURNAL's position that we offer a Cook Islands socialist viewpoint.

We do not see this in conflict with nor a threat to the CIs. private sector's interests as we see the objectives of a truly socialist programme in the CIs. as being identical to the objectives of those who see the private sector as part of a healthy mixed economy.

In the next year, we shall critically assess the programmes of all political factions. That which comes closest to our ideals, we shall obviously endorse.

As far as accuracy is concerned, the JOURNAL (like all media interpreters of public opinion) will always be open to question.

We are in the process of adapting overseas polling methods to the special circumstances of the Cook Islands in terms of family block voting, land tenure, tiny electorates and traditional leadership.

## Bias?

It is a unique exercise.

What we do is seek informed neutral opinion in each electorate, test out traditionally "solid" family voting patterns by questioning, take a random sample of national voters, check for the possible emergence of new voting patterns, throw in some expert analysis from the main parties and produce what will be a still "shaky" analysis.

We offer two past examples to give readers some idea of our accuracy.

In mid-1986, the same technique (above) was used to conduct the CIs. TIMES survey of the state of the parties.

It was done by JOURNAL editor David Lewis who was then political correspondent for the TIMES.

The results showed a clear Henry-led CIP ascendancy in the event of an election against the then Davis-led Coalition.

The results were scoffed at by Coalitionists.

It appeared to take them a year to catch up with public opinion!

A year later, they confirmed the TIMES poll by dropping Davis and claiming that if they continued under him, there would be an election disaster.

Our methods were applied again last year for the JOURNAL in a survey of basic issues which the people felt were the most important.

Three months later, we learn from government contacts that a new "pre-election" budget is planned for the March-April period.

Advance whispers on the budget show that it is the very issues given by the JOURNAL survey, in order of priority, that are occupying the attention of the budget compilers!

# RESULTS

## A. THE SEATS

"Who do you believe will win your constituency seat if the General Election were this month ?"

(NB: CO. = Coalition
DD. = Davis Democrats
ID. = Ingram Democrats
CIP = Cook Is. Party
CIPA = Pro-T. Henry CIP)
(Present incumbent in brackets)

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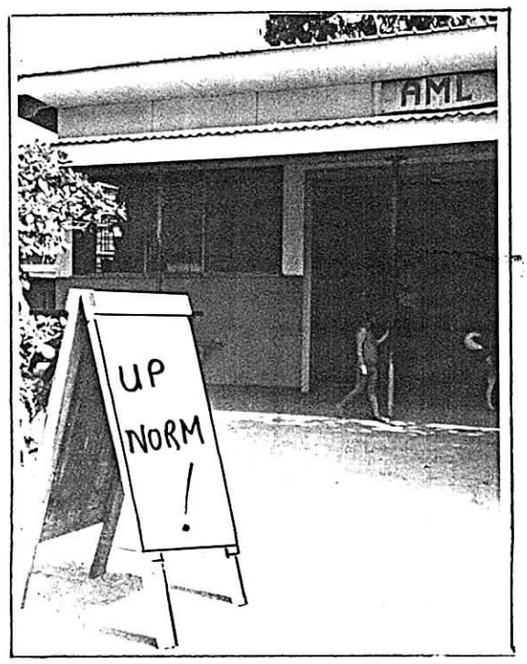
# CAMPAIGNING GETS UNDER WAY



# ELECTION 89 ✓

WHO'S GONNA WIN ?

1. RAROTONGA:
   Nikao - Safe ID (ID)
   Ruaau - Marginal (CO)
   Murienua - Safe CO (CO)
   Titikaveka - Marginal
   Ngatangiia - Safe CO
   Matavera - Marginal
   Tupapa - Safe CIP
   Takuvaine - Safe CIP
   Avatiu - Marginal

Summary:
CO 2
CIP 2
ID 1
Marginal 4

2. AITUTAKI:
   Safe CIP 3
3. MAUKE:
   Safe CIP 1
4. MANGAIA:
   Oneroa - Safe CO
   Tamarua - Safe CO
   Ivirua - Safe ID
5. MITIARO:
   Safe CO
6. RAKAHANGA:
   Safe CO
7. MANIHIKI:
   Marginal
8. PENRHYN:
   Safe CO
9. PUKAPUKA:
   Safe CIP
10. OVERSEAS:
    Safe CO
11. ATIU:
    Areora - Safe CO
    Mapumai - Marginal

OVERALL SUMMARY

1. By Party:
   COALITION 9
   CIP 7
   INGRAM DEMOS 2
   Marginal 6

2. By Faction:
   G.Henry/Ingram 9
   Robati 2
   Nga Pu Toru/ Mangaia 5
   Maoate 2
   Marginal 6

# Comment

It must be stressed that the survey conducted by the JOURNAL refers to to positions as at JANUARY 1988 with over a year to go before the last date for a General Election.

The marginals obviously hold the key as to who rules. To the list of marginals could be added the Overseas seat deemed by those questioned to be a "safe" government seat because (in Wellington certainly and to an extent in Auckland) no one had much idea what was going on except through the mouth of government and government seemed better organised.

Within the marginals, personalities were deemed to be very important in the coming months. Mentioned were "Demo" Planning Chairman Tui Short, CIPA leader Tupui Henry, CIP's Tom Marsters and Bill Marsters and a variety of NZ-based figures.

CIP negatives were said to be doubts as to the workability of a Henry/Ingram coalition, rumoured weak candidates, no known programme, loss of big party names in to business and, frequently "why change ? They'll all be the same in the end? ...a variation on "better the devil you know".

COALITION negatives were allegations of greed by MP's, doubt as to the validity of their government ("who elected them?"), and, above all, "another five years of them would finish us off as a country... imagine what a meal they would make of things if they could actually claim to have the public's approval!"

Pluses on all sides were in short supply!

Should the survey hold up, it would almost certainly see Dr. Robati in a powerful position. Should there be even one change, the phones and visits between power groups will decide our government. We hear that THAT process is already well under way!

# MARGINALS

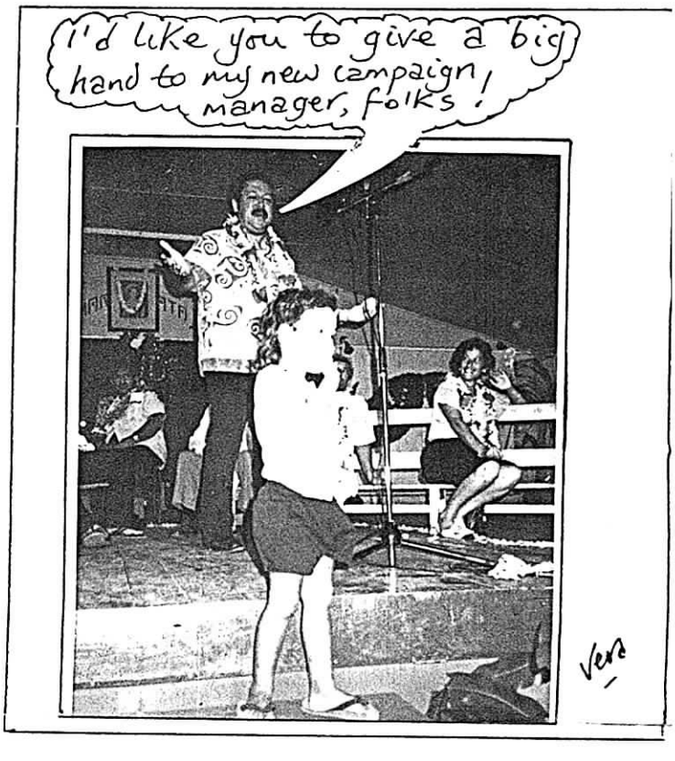
COALITION LEANING:
Titikaveka
Matavera
Manihiki
Mapumai

CIP LEANING:
Avatiu

INGRAM DEMO LEANING:
Ruaau

HENCE

COALITION — 13
CIP — 8
DEMO — 3



# SPORT

The "family affair" that is the JOURNAL production team adds to Editor David Lewis and Auckland-based economics consultant Nicky Lewis, sports writer Owen, like his brother a CIs scholarship student. He has already featured in the JOURNAL reports on NZ sport but in this issue begins the first of a regular sports column on CIs. and overseas sports. Today he looks at a local sport which is distinguished by the fact that it is entirely under the control and management on Atiu of Atiuan youth leaders.

## TAEKWONDO KICKS OFF

BY

**OWEN LEWIS**

Problems are facing the newly formed Tai Kwan Do I.T.F. group on Atiu.

The group was founded in Atiu in October last year by four young members of the community.

The driving force was 20 year old Tupu Mataki who acts in the capacity of instructor despite his limited experience.

The group states that members are interested in providing youth with a chance to obtain optimum physical fitness.

Their programme aims to install discipline among youth.

The leaders are all respected members of CICC and they feel that youth are often not accepting the enforced discipline exerted by other social institutions on Atiu.

According to Tupu Mataki, Tai Kwan Do is an art which installs strict discipline not only inside the training hall but in all modes of life.

For this reason the boys decided to form their own group which was later to apply to be approved by the branch in Rarotonga.

By December, the group had about 70 members.

Training sessions were being held on the Atiu College hardcourt without permission from College authorities.

Permission for the group to continue under the supervision of Tupu Mataki had been obtained

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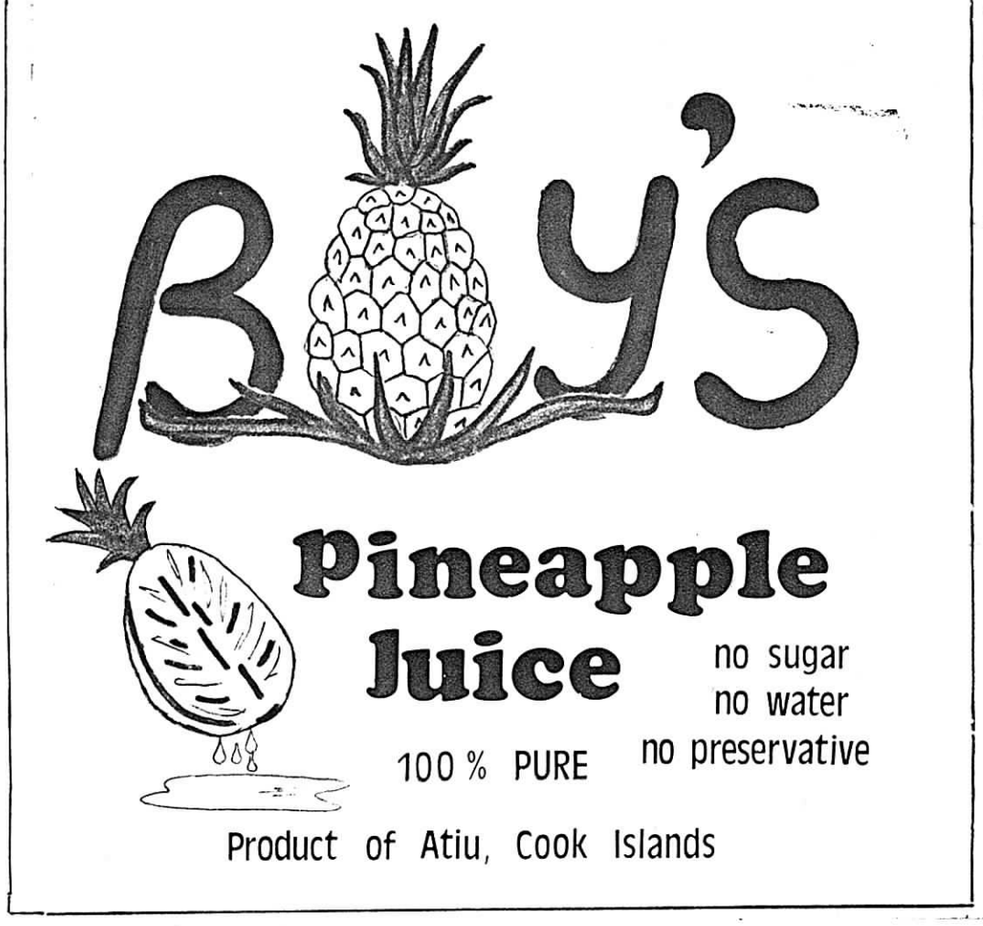
## OLYMPICKS NEWS

As International Olympics Officials anxiously await news of boycotts and non-appearances at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, the weekend brought welcome good tidings.

Backing the Soviet Union's decision to take part, the mighty Cook Islands squad indicated solidarity and fraternity with their pinko brothers and sisters in announcing that they, too, would be taking part.

A team of 784, including 693 retired cricketers, has been nominated, according to informed sources.

The cricketers will not be taking part but are hoping to gain experience.



# TAI KWAN DO

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from the TKD ITF head branch in Rarotonga.

It was then that the problems began to arise, says Tupu.

A new group was formed on the island by a visitor who was to be on the island, it appeared, for a brief period of two weeks.

Claims Tupu, "According to the oath of TKD, an instructor intending to form a new group in an area must inform the original instructor as a sign of respect and loyalty to the art."

He adds, "this unnamed person failed to inform me of his intention to form a new group due to me being unqualified as an instructor. So a lot of my boys decided that he was the more qualified as he had a black belt."

On the arrival in Atiu of the Pacific TKD instructor, Tairea, another complication arose in that it was found out that when introducing a new club, an instructor must show his/her certificates and instructor's badge at the first training session.

"This", says Tupu, "was not done."

Further problems have recently arisen in the area of club fund-raising.

The local government authorities put a ban on all dances in the New Year.

Dances, in Atiu, are a major form of fund-raising.

Unfortunately, the ban came into force on New Year's Eve which meant that the midnight dance that the club had booked for that evening had to be cancelled.

This was a major disappointment as, in the past, the New Year's Eve Midnight dances have been most productive in fund-raising.

The ban has since been lifted and the club will soon be able to start serious fund-raising for their first year as a full club.

The year is going to be eventful, members say.

The club's first grading will be in March, with further grading sessions due for July and October.

Late in the year, an inter-island Tae Kwon Do tournament will be held in Rarotonga.

Tairea will be taking the first gradings in March and

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## CHIRAC DECLARES

French PM Jacques Chirac (above) became the first official candidate to declare that he is standing against Socialist President Francois Mitterrand in the two round French Presidential elections coming up in April and May.

## THE HOME OFFICE SUVA

Thursday

G. Flosse,
Learjet Hangar,
Papeete.

Dear Gaston,

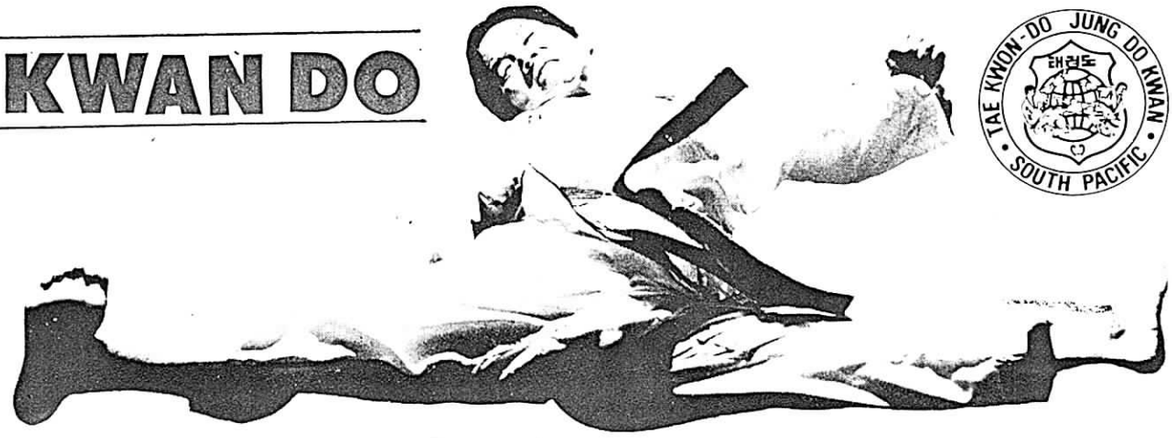
Re: Yours of Xmas. Sorry but am a bit pushed for time personally but can send over two corporals and a sergeant if required.

Bula bula,
Sitiveni
Sitiveni
(MINISTER)

PS: Tell Jacques half a dozen curry-seeking Exocets will do fine.

Atiu Motel

# TAI KWAN DO



## A man with a philosophy

Master Y K Yun

H.Q. Instructor, Chief Representative and Chief Instructor of the International Tae Kwon Do Federation for the South Pacific

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July.

The highlight of the will be a grading and tournament in Rarotonga conducted by Master Kyu Yun, the head of TKD ITF.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the Atiu TKD venture is that it is solely run and operated by a group of youth who are not generally given any responsibility and who are not encouraged to organise or take charge of any organisations.

Senior members of the community are already starting to sit up and take notice of this initiative.

"It is a credit to the boys," one said, "it should be encouraged throughout all islands in our country."

## Tae Kwon-Do the Art and Philosophy

### What is Tae Kwon Do?

Tae Kwon-Do is the modernized way of an old oriental art of self-defence or unarmed combat. It was first heard of 1300 years ago in Korea when it was called Tae Kyon. Tae Kyon is a form of foot-fighting. Through the centuries hand techniques were introduced and the combination is now called Tae Kwon-Do, but in the more advanced techniques the use of the legs is still more important. This makes Tae Kwon-Do more effective and spectacular than other oriental self-defence arts, because the legs can develop more power and reach farther than the hands.

The Korean word "Tae" means kicking, jumping, stepping or flying of the feet; "Kwon" means punching, striking, or beating of hands or fists and "Do" means art, technique or way.

Tae Kwon Do is not merely a martial art for defence against assailants.

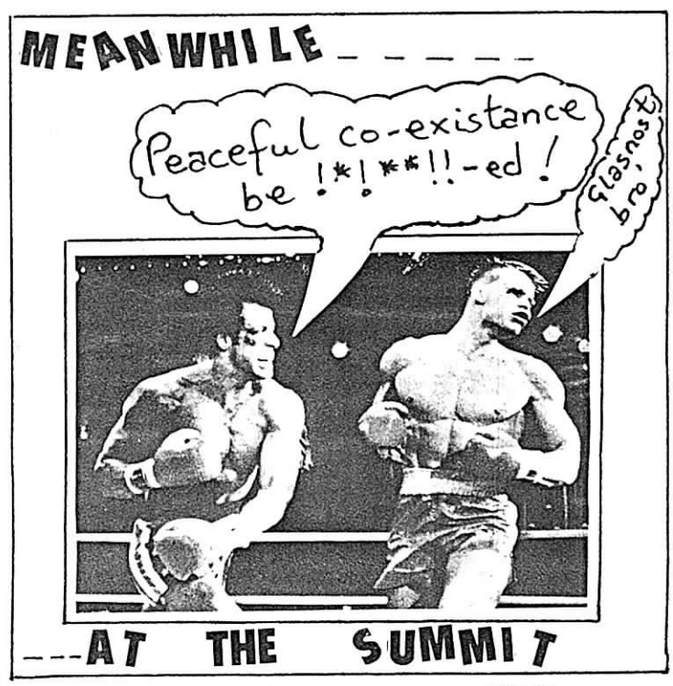
Exercises in Tae Kwon Do, besides producing tranquillity and peace of mind, also relax joints, tones the muscles, strengthens the internal organs and develops strength and stamina.

Tae Kwon Do can help women in weight control, keep your figure looking trim and at the same time learn an unequalled method of self-defence.

# SPORTS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

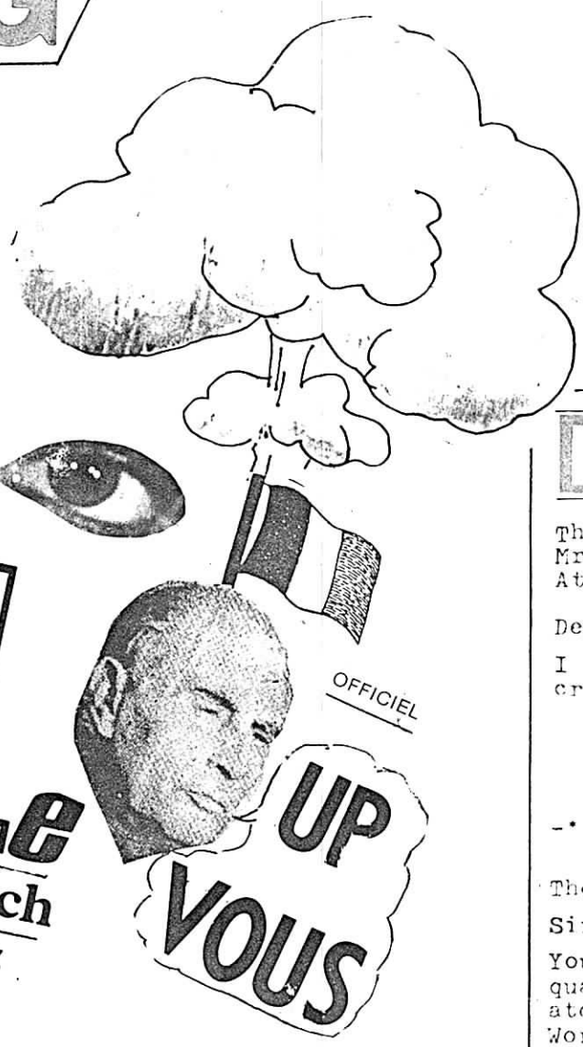
We can't afford big trophies but at least we care, folks! So, after a lot of thought, we would like to honour in a small way the resident man and woman Cook Islands sports individuals who we consider "SPORTSPEOPLE OF THE YEAR 1987". Next week we will look at overseas Cook Islanders but for the moment many congratulations for effort, consistent reaching for top standards and never turning down a challenge and never moaning when things don't work out.....

| — MALE — | — FEMALE — |
|---|---|
| MIKE TERERUI (Tupapa) (Weightlifting) | ERIN TIERNEY (Nikao) (Athletics) |



# LIVING

## LE GHASTLY THREAT OF M. SHEER CRAP!




Oh la la! Quel appalling way to start le Nouvel Year!

Je expects, of course, that by maintenant vous will have got un ghastly oreilleful of le frightful news!

Un grand step backwards for Homme and un total catstrophe for le Hommekind!

To say nothing of un potential desastre pour vous truly, le last living socialiste sur la planete.

LE ABSOLUMENT GHASTLY SHEER CRAP EST PROPOSING UN STAND AGAINST JE DANS LES ELECTIONS POUR PRESIDENT OF LE MIGHTY FROG EMPIRE!!

Quel cheek!!!!

Pas sooner had je disposed of le execrable Gastric Floppe, shoved un knee up les goolies of le abominable transvestite Jean Mary Tea Bag et ses Kan Knacker hordes, et let off deux big uns of enormous megatonnage pour le celebration of le Frog Christmas when je receives the le tres unwelcome tidings that le idiot Sheer Crap penses il can take mon place at la tete of le Empire.

Not that je is too worried but it is likely to wreck mon Easter having to take le time out to put le upstart back dans la merde ou il belongs.

Tout le best,

Le Grand Frog.

Last known photo of le loony Sheer Crap...mon grand enemy et un threat to le global peace.

## Letters

The Editor,
Mr. Vera's JOURNAL,
Atiu.

Dear Sir,

I think socialism is crap.

Yours etc.

Dalai Llama

-***!!*?!! - you! ED.

The Editor,

Sir,

Your report on the quarter final eliminators at the recent World Terrorist Games contained an error.

The result of the Israeli Mossad United match against the Palestinian Slum Dwellers should read United 97 Slum Dwellers 1. The Dwellers notched a last minute embassy raid which resulted in quick grenade up the ambassador thus letting the vistors go through on goal average to meet the Libyan Hordes in next week's semis. Please correct this mistake or we will send you a letter bomb.

Sincerely,

Hussein Pennyweather (Miss)

SECRETARY.

-The JOURNAL stands by its story. ED.

3 Embassy Drive,
Gaza Strip.

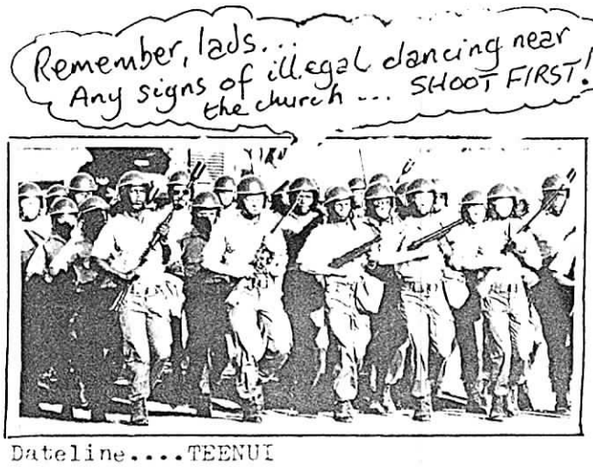
Sir,

Don't blame us then.

Sincerely,

H. Pennyweather.

## FROM OUR ATIU WAR CORRESPONDENT

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# THE JOURNAL & THE (Last) WORD

## MU-SICK

Fer those of youse who can lay a hold on it, somewhere around the Raro shops is yer real live latest dose of proper kulcher..straight from OZ, blue!

Fer those of youse who are easily put off by obscenity, filth, racism, squalor, foul language etc etc...DON'T buy "KEVIN 'BLOODY' WILSON-HIS LATEST" in some shops this month.

## ER_____

THE OVAL OFFICE:

Jeat

Be .Gee..er..

R ancy! Whe' ve I heard that name before ?

N: It's my name, dear.

R: You don't say! I could've swored you was Jane.

N: No, dear. She was the other one.

R: What other one ?

N: Your "Ex-"

R: 'X' ?

N: Ex-Wife.Number One.

R: X YFI ? Sounds like a missile. Why haven't I been kept in touch ? Who's it pointed at ?

N: Who's what pointed at, dear ?

R: Er...golly!

N: Golly what, sweetheart.

R: Like..er..golly what am I doing here ?

N: Where, dear ?

R: Where am I ?

N: In the Oval Office, of course, pet.

R: The Oval Office! Gee willikins.. ..er isn't that where the...er.. er..whatsisname live ?

N: You mean..the President, dear?

R: Do I ?

N: I think so, dear.

R: Well..er..gee wizz..in that ...er..

N: Yes, dear ?

R: Well..er..hadn't we better go say hello..er..what did you say your name was..?

N: Nancy.

R: I coulda swored you said Jane.

N: No dear. She was the other one.

R: What other one?

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## RARO BABY RARO

communities are getting changed
sabbath rules are sabbath lies
principles get re-arranged
to suit the needs of them who buys
and all the deacons spit and curse
threatening black satanic pits
eternal flames or maybe worse
if girls don't cover up their tits

costa del tang majorker mine
las palmers chopped and diced
a bottle of kiwi bond-store wine
kulture kokonuts and kriced
"maybe" flesh and "we'll see" hips
taiwan skirts and hong kong scent
paka pie and taro chips
what youse gets is what youse spent

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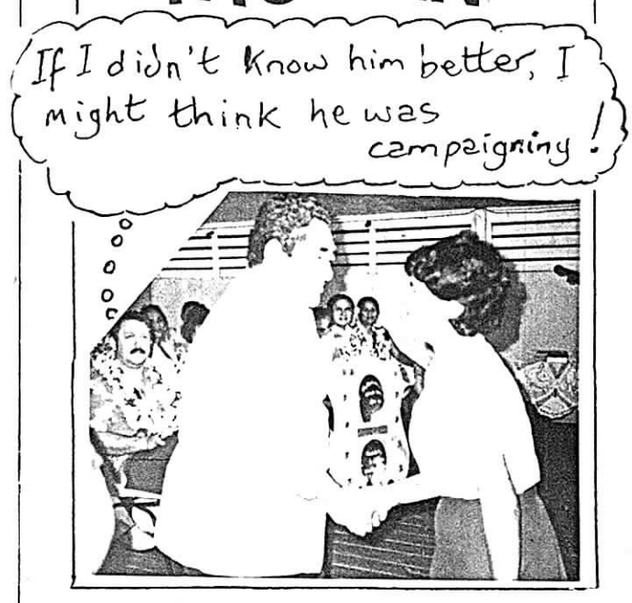
## 'IAORANA




..from the Atiu Front!

3rd Trench on the Left,
2nd Bunker Along,
Behind the Tank,
MAPUFAI.

VERA

## CHRISTIAN STOP PRESS

During the night, the walls of Jericho came tumbling down.

Israeli terrorists have claimed responsibility for the outrage.